

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes December 20, 2011

Present: Chairman Pancost, Kathy Schulda, Tom Bosma

Chairman Pancost opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the December 6, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Bosma motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Kathy Schulda seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE. The December 9, 2011 Emergency Meeting Minutes were read. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes as read. Tom Bosma seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: Diane Rodhe reports that the Dental Insurance Premium for 2012 will have a three percent decrease.

Announcements: Mr. Mark Parker from South Russell introduced himself as the Republican candidate running for office in the 14th Congressional District.

Stanley Carlisle expressed his appreciation for the support during the swearing in ceremony held by the Village of Hiram.

Fire Report: Gary Bott reported forty-one calls during the month of November and response time was 1 minute, thirty-six seconds for the Village of Hiram and 5 minutes, fifty-three seconds for Hiram Township. The Fire Department provided Mutual Aid to Troy Township for a structural fire. Ed Samek will be the new Police Chief.

Old Business: Chairman Pancost sent a copy of the Ohio Revised Code to Mr. Bierlair. This was a follow up to Mr. Bierlair's request at the December 9, 2011 Emergency Meeting.

The End of Year Meeting scheduled for Friday, December 23, 2011 will be cancelled and re-scheduled for Thursday, December 29 at 9:00 am.

Jack Groselle asked if a letter had been written to Scott Kenrich, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in regards to the request presented at the Emergency Meeting held on December 9, 2011. Chairman Pancost will write a letter requesting permission to enter the property off of Asbury and Schustrich Road that is under easement held by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Jack Groselle suggested that the trustees work closely with Mr. Bierlair from the Soil and Water Conservation office to resolve the flooding issues on Asbury and Schustrich Roads due to beaver activity. Chairman Pancost and Tom Matota expressed their disappointment in Mr. Bierlair's level of response and cooperation up to this point.

Chairman Pancost and Tom Matota report that they met with John Ziska to discuss the shared maintenance for Hankee Road. The agreement will be presented at the next meeting in a written document that is ready for signatures.

New Business: Kathy Schulda reported that she had attended the Village of Hiram council meeting and changes were announced regarding the Fire Department. The fire fighters will be changing from OPERS to Social Security. Kathy stated that due to the reduction in cost, the difference of slightly less than 8% should be distributed to the Fire Department or the fire contract with the township will need to be re-negotiated.

Chairman Pancost reported that he attended the Regional Planning Meeting where he saw the video "From Ghost Town to Boom Town". The video is about the changes in a community related to the oil and gas boom. The video is posted on YouTube.

Zoning Report: No zoning report.

Road Department Report: Tom Matota expressed his appreciation for the praise that Chairman Pancost wrote in his commentary in The Weekly Villager. Tom also reports that as determined by the County Engineer's Office, there will be no changes in wage compensation for the road crew this year. The limb removal has been completed by Yarnell Tree Service at the Hiram Rapids Cemetery. The brush is cleaned up but the major pieces of wood cannot be removed until the ground freezes. Tom requested that the trustees review the process for disposing of wood that is the result of trimming and clean-ups. Kathy Schulda will consult Chris Meduri and report back to the trustees.

Tom Bosma motions to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE.

The following bills were paid:
2011-12-20 Meeting Payments

electronic	Matota	Wages	1,682.41
electronic	Matota	Wages	2,108.36
electronic	Firtik	Wages	1144.54
electronic	Roosa	Wages	1100.50
electronic	Bello	Wages	1084.32
7665 & 7666		void	0
7667	Village of Hiram	4th Quarter Fire Protection	22244.22
7668	Village of Hiram	4th Quarter EMS Protection	23552.70
7669	Tom Matota	Cell Phone	133.44
7670	Kathy Schulda	Misc Expense	2.68
7671	Eastwood Sharp Shop	Drill bits	109.30
7672	Ohio Edison	Street Lighting	286.85
7673	Robinson Med Center One	Drug Screen	104.00
7674	Zuver Contracting	Trucking	120.00
7675	Village of Hiram	Fuel	150.71

7676	Airgas Great Lakes	Supplies	92.61
7677	Robeck Fluid Power	Motor	224.12
7678	Treasurer, State of Ohio	1st Quarter 2012 UAN Fees	795.00
7679	Four Seasons Trophies	Years of Service Plaque	87.11
7680	Crosby-Mook Office Equipment	Copy Machine Service	117.50
7681	Frontier	Phone	105.98
		Total	\$55,246.35

Kathy Schulda motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Tom Bosma seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE. Executive session begins at 8:00 pm. Kathy Schulda motions to end the Executive Session. Tom Bosma seconds the motion. Executive session ends at 8:26 pm.

Kathy Schulda motions to invite a representative from HR Butler to attend the December 29th meeting at 9:00 am to discuss 2012 Healthcare. Tom Bosma seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE.

Adjourn: Tom Bosma motions to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Schulda seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE.